

# MERCILESS ATTACK ON HARRY ORCHARD

## Haywood Counsel Bitterly Assails His Guiding Motives.

## WITNESS SHED TEARS IN COURT

32 Hours—Declares That  
He Had Prayed Forgive-  
ness for Sins and Con-  
fessed by Way of  
Atonement.

who are battling to save the life of William D. Haywood and the good name of the Western Federation of Miners to-day made their greatest assault upon Harry Orchard when, carrying the review of cross-examination of his life of crime down to his confessions, they bitterly assailed his guiding motives. Six days they spent in stripping him before the jury of every shred of morality, and then suddenly turning upon him in final fierce attack, they fought with every means known to the legal craft to convince the jury that Orchard was committing a crime in falsely swearing away the lives of innocent men in the hope of saving his own. They carried their attack to the very language with which the witness answered their questions, and everywhere they placed a forceful implication that it was put into his mouth by men controlling him.

This series of quickly delivered attacks gave to the trial, amid the scene centering around the high witness chair in Judge Wood's court, a depth of dramatic interest that gripped and moved every man and woman who watched and listened.

Wailed at David-Urlich Taic.

Orchard wailed when they recited him the tale of David and Uriah the Detective McPartland related to him when he came seeking a confession. He thought to save himself, but was

He thought to save himself, but he filled his eyes, and he rocked unwearyingly like a handkerchief. His voice low and earnest, he hustled him, and he hid his face in a handkerchief.

Then he steadied himself and went on strongly to the end. He defended his motives by saying that he had finally experienced conversion and penitence, and had resolved to make the possible reparation by a free confession. McPartland had told him that he was doing a great service for the State, and that States were kind to men who served them. There was

"You knew that if you confessed the Steunenberg murder the State would put you out of the way?"

mered Attorney Richardson,  
"Yes, sir."  
"And would do it quickly?"  
"I believed they would put me  
of the way."  
"But somewhere along the line the  
thought came to you that you could  
out of it by laying it onto somebody  
else?"  
"No, sir; that was not the thought  
at all."

**Dramatic in the Extreme.**  
There here Orchard gave a remarkable  
explanation of the motive that  
began him to confess. His voice

to a low tone, but there was no other show of emotion. Complete silence gave every word to the entire room. A whizz of an electric fan overhead was the sole accompaniment of the recitation.

"I thought," he said, "of putting myself out of the way, but I thought over my past life. I did not believe a hereafter at all, but I was afraid

"No one," he replied, "but after I had been so long with a Bible and had read it some, I came to the conclusion that I would be

"So you thought you would, make your peace with the future by having somebody else hung, did you?" asked Mr. Richardson.

"No, sir. I think any man can maintain his peace with the future if he won't do it. I believed it was my duty to tell the truth. I did not see any other way, regardless of the consequences to myself or anybody else. I owed it to society; I owed it to God and to myself."

The defense suggested that if the jury had got the references to

duty to society, God and himself directly from McPartland or any other person, it was suggested to him by oath he took when he joined the Western Federation of Miners. They told him the oath from the ritual, but they did he expressed the belief the language had been given to by the Almighty.

**Hammer at the Motive.**

For hours the defense hammered the motive of saving his own skin. They sought to show it in the example drawn from the immunity of informers in the Molle Mag cases, but this the witness would not admit. Next they sought for Orchard's effort to bring Steve A. to the State, and then in the subsequent meetings with McPartland.

Governor Gooding. Once again emphasized the fact that the witness had twice written his testimony but Orchard repelled the suggestion that it had been changed by McDaniel, Attorney Hawley, or anyone else.

After that it was suggested that Orchard had placed his future in keeping of McPartland; that the two men had sent money to his family.

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